at Karvar and the Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala are likely to be further delayed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Certain slippages have taken place in the implementation of Project Sea Bird at Karvar due to delays in the acquisition of land and rehabilitation of effected families. Construction of Naval Bases are, in the normal course, very long gestation projects and may extend over even longer periods, depending on the availability of resources.

The Naval Academy Project at Ezhimala, on account of the time taken for conducting an Architectural Competition for selection of the Project Architect as well as paucity of resources, has been delayed. Phase I of the Project is now expected to be completed by the end of the current Plan, around 1995. Phase II will be taken up thereafter.

Cable TV Networks

602. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cable TV networks are springing up all over the country;

(b) if so, the impact of the same of the programmes and revenue of Doordarshan; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to regularise the cable TV networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government are aware of the fast growth of Cable TV networks being established in different parts of the country. A high level Inter-Departmental Committee has accordingly been constituted by the Government to study various aspects of the establishment of these networks and Dish-Antennae Systems in the country and to make suitable recommendations for the consideration of the Government.

Decline in Growth of Employment opportunities

603. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming decline in the growth of employment opportunities in the country during the last few years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) According to estimates based on the successive rounds of the National Sample Survey the average annual rate of growth of usual status (principal and subsidiary) employment was 1.55 per cent during the period 1983 to 1987-88 (the latest year for which estimates are available) compared to 2.22 during the period 1977-78 to 1983 and 2.82 per cent during 1972-73 to 1977-78.

Prime Minister's Call Extremists for Talks on Punjab

604. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has invited the extremists for talks on Punjab as appeared in 'the Statesmen' of the 27th November, 1990;